



The first officers and teachers of the Heber Third Ward Sunday School are shown here in a photograph taken in 1906. Pictured are, front row, left to right, Carlie Clegg, Mary Ann Cummings, Florence Fisher, Nellie Clyde, Annie McMillan, Annie Jones and Mary Clayton. Second row, Malinda Moulton, Elsie Burkhart, Anna Duke, May Rasband, Malinda Hicken, Lizzie Rasband, Martha Jones. Third row, Nellie Murray, Jay Jensen, first assistant superintendent, Henry James Clegg, superintendent, George A. Wootton, second assistant superintendent, William T. Hicken, Verna Mahoney, Bessie Smart and Minnie Cummings. Fourth row, Mamie L. Fisher, Millie Moulton, Josie Moulton, Catherine Hicken, Elizabeth Murray, George Harbor, Elizabeth McMillan. Fifth row, J. Claud Hicken, John Ohlwiler, Livingston C. Montgomery, Thomas Blackley and A. Pratt Hicken.

after which Alice S. Walker was president with Rose A. Ohlwiler and Mazie Campbell, counselors and Olive Hicken, secretary. Juventa Tullige was chorister.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: George A. Wootton, superintendent; Henry James Clegg and William T. Hicken, counselors; Verna Mae Mahoney, secretary and Florence Fisher and Annie Jones, directors and teachers of kindergarten department.

YMMIA: Andrew G. Erickson, superintendent, with Charles J. Wahlquist and Alma E. Dayton counselors and Daniel McMillan, secretary. John M. Chapman was sustained superintendent in 1906 with Joseph G. Moulton and George M. Jorgensen counselors and L. C. Montgomery, secretary.

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forced many from their homes, put many hundreds of acres of choice lands under water and brought decline to the community.

For some years the industrial leaders of Utah and the nation had realized the value of a reservoir along Provo River. The growth of Utah's major industrial centers, including Salt Lake City and Provo, created a vast need for water storage and new hydro-electric projects.

Thus, in 1938 work began on a reservoir in the lower part of Wasatch County, known as the Deer Creek project. Three years were required to complete the dam, which held back the water that began to inundate Charleston.

Even though Charleston's landscape has changed considerably over the years, the people have not changed. As the waters began to rise behind the dam, many were forced to move their homes to other areas. However, those who remained have held fast to the fundamental virtues of courage and integrity that have played so great a part in shaping the lives of men.

As far as can be determined, the first two white men to camp in the area of Charleston were Charles Shelton and his brother-in-law, Alex Wilkins. They were surveyors from Provo, and came into the valley to lay out some of the property.

The first settlers to take up land claims in Charleston were George Noakes, William Manning and Mr. Manning's son, Freeman, who were all from Provo. They came in the spring of 1859 and put in a limited crop of grain, but lost the entire crop through frost. William Manning built a log house and corral on his land, which was Charleston's first permanent building. During the winter of 1859-60, Mr. Manning wintered some stock on his ranch.

Others were soon attracted to the Charleston area and began to take up land for homes and farms. Ephraim K. Hanks, an able assistant to President Brigham Young in the pioneer trek of 1847 brought his family to Charleston to settle. Mr. Hanks, noted as a scout and peace-maker among the Indians, was also instrumental in saving the Martin Handcart Company from starvation in the snows of Wyoming.

Early in 1860 John S. McAfee and his family arrived from Scotland and began settling some of the lands near Mr. Hanks. Others who claimed farm land in the Charleston area were John Ritchie, Nymphas C. Murdock, William Wright, Lewis Mecham, Enoch Richins, George W. Brown, John Brown and William Bagley.

The government opened up Charleston to homesteading in 1862 and the records show that John Eldrige was one of the first to receive homestead rights. He died before his homesteading time was completed, but his wife, Sina Eldrige completed the homestead. Others who took out homestead rights in Charleston included David Walker, George Noakes, George T. Giles, Joseph E. Taylor, Stanley Davis, Joseph Bagley, Finity Daybell, Emmanuel Richman, George Simmons, Esther Davies, Joseph Nelson, Isaac Brown, William Winterton, David Young, Eli



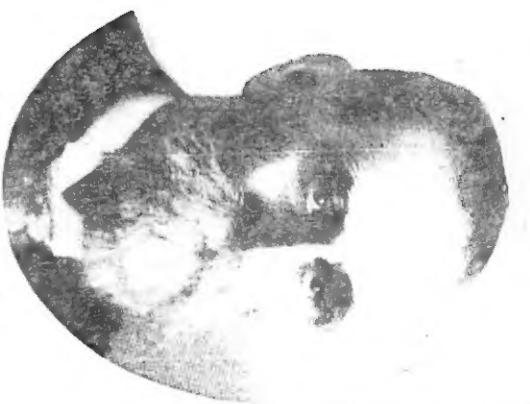
The North Mercantile Store in Charleston, one of the community's prosperous business firms for many years. It was closed down when the Deer Creek project inundated the area.

Those who settled Charleston were members of the Church, seeking freedom and an opportunity to worship according to the dictates of their consciences. Through the years, the L.D.S. Church has been the only religious group in Charleston, and has fostered peace and progress in the community.

David Walker, one of the early Charleston settlers, was the first presiding elder in the community, but served only a short time until he moved back to Salt Lake City. George Noakes was the next presiding elder, and served from about 1865 to 1866 when the settlement was disbanded during the Black Hawk War. Meetings were held in private homes up until that time.

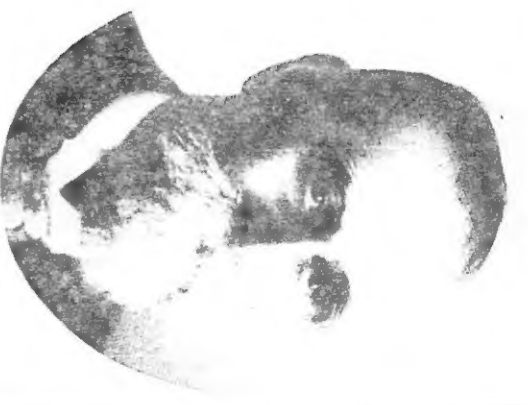
When the people began resettling Charleston in 1867, Elder Noakes was again appointed presiding elder and served about a year. Elder John Watkins of Midway was then called to be presiding elder, and he traveled back and forth from Midway to conduct Church meetings. Since the first bridge over the Provo River between Charleston and Midway was not constructed until 1892, Elder Watkins often had to travel long distances until he could find a place to cross the river.

Elder Watkins directed the building of the first permanent chapel in Charleston in 1873, doing much of the building work himself. Counselors to Elder Watkins were George Powell and Enoch Richins. Later, Elder Powell moved away and Nymphus C. Murdock was called as first counselor. William Wright was first clerk in the Church and served for many years.



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SUNDAY SCHOOL: Cyril Hicken, superintendent, Leslie Bethers and Keith Trane, assistants.

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YWMIA: Helen Lindsay, president, with Jean Montgomery and Mabel Fisher, counselors and Elva Smith, secretary until 1939 when Mary Mahoney became president with Venola Cowley and Amy Giles Bond as counselors and Hazel Orgill as secretary.

Isabrand Sander was sustained on November 4, 1945 as the next bishop of the ward, choosing as his counselors J. Linden Chapman and Jay De Graff, with Francis Cowley, ward clerk. Elder Cowley became counselor in the bishopric when Elder De Graff was released, and Verd Murdock was sustained as clerk.

Bishop Sander served as bishop of the ward until April 13, 1947 when the stake presidency proposed a division of the ward to create the new Heber Fourth Ward. Bishop Sander was called to remain as Third Ward bishop, and his counselor, J. Linden Chapman became the Fourth Ward Bishop. New counselors sustained to Bishop Sander were Andrew McConkie and C. Ferris Clegg, with Ray J. Berg, clerk.

The new Heber Third ward was to include the area east of main street from First South to Sixth South, then east one block and south to the Daniel line. The area west of this line was the new Heber Fourth Ward.

Leaders who served with Bishop Sander prior to the division of the ward included:

RELIEF SOCIETY: Annie J. Smith, president, Mina Giles and Luella Fitzgerald, counselors and Ethel Johnson, secretary. In 1946 Kezia Crook became a counselor.

PRIMARY: Mae G. Smith, president, with Reba H. Davis and Ruby P. Hicken, counselors and Margaret Pierce, secretary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: A. Ralph Johnson, superintendent; Andrew R. McConkie and Don Barker, assistants and secretaries Roy P. Hicken and Faye D. Henrie. Roy Hicken later became an assistant in 1947 and Dorothy Howes became secretary.

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After the division of the ward, Bishop Sander called the following to serve in the organizations:

RELIEF SOCIETY: Annie J. Smith, president; Alice Thacker and Gladys Blackley, counselors and Ethel Johnson, secretary.

PRIMARY: Stella Reese, president; Clara Hicken and Theola Swain, counselors and Margaret Pierce, secretary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Horace Walker, superintendent; Cyril Hicken and Malin Lewis, assistants and Lois Cummings, secretary.

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Presidents of the Chamber have included Mr. Anderson, 1952-53; Jess R. Walker, 1953-54; Byron Cheever, 1954-55; Harold Stevens, 1955-56; John A. Anderson, 1956-57; J. W. Jordan, 1957-58; Guy McDonald, 1958-59; Gordon Mendenhall, 1959-60 and Harold H. Smith, 1960-61 and 1961-62.

Typical of the projects sponsored by Wasatch Merchants was the Dog Sled Derby held in February, 1960. The success of the first Derby prompted the planning of another for February, 1961, but no cooperation from the weather resulted in no snow and a postponement. However, plans are going forward to make the Derby an annual event, depending on the snowfall.

The program for the February, 1960 celebration carried a list of sponsoring Wasatch merchants, and indicated the stature and diversity of business firms in the valley. Included in the list of firms were the following:

Al's Service, Aloma Motel, Anderson Implement & Hardware, Anderson's Saw Mill, Ashton Lumber & Hardware Co., Ashton Oil & Transportation Co., Alpine Club & Bronson Fuel Co., Avon Theatre, Barker's Jewelry, Beautiful Heber Valley Motel, Bill's Service, Bob's Texaco Service, Broadhead Sinclair Truck Stop, Center Farm Service, Central Utah Insurance Co., Chick's Cafe, Christensen's Store, Cluff & Huffaker, Clyde's Billiards, Cochran Garage, Coleman's Store, Crown Lunch, Dairy Queen, Eggleston Insurance Agency, El Rancho Heber Motel, Farmer's Insurance Group, Fay's Chevron Service, First Security Bank, Forsey's Variety Store, Fortie Dairy, Great Lake Timber Company, Grill Cafe, Hardy's Shop, Heber Cafe, Heber City Exchange, Heber Motor Company, Heber Hospital, Heber Valley Floral, Hicken Feed and Produce, Hilton Motel & Hilton 66 Service, Hi-Way Hotel-Motel, Homestead, Hub Cafe & Auto Court, Hylton Auto Supply, Ideal Theatre, Ivan's 76 Service, Iver's Mercantile, Jack's Glass Shop, Johnson Garage, Jordanelle & Sportsmen's Club.

Ken's Auto Supply, Ken's Texaco Service, Kenlona Motel, Koyle's Shoe Store, L. & D. Motor Supply, Lee's Service, M. & L. Shop, Mac's Motel, Maurice's Conoco Service, McDonald Cabinet & Lumber Co., Mendenhall Insurance Co., Moulton Farm Machinery, Mountain Spa, Mt. Vu Cafe, O. K. Rubber Welders, Olpin Mortuary, Clarence Olson Agency, Palace Drug, Penney's, Pikes Peak Garage, Pioneer Laundry, Ritchie Hatchery & Wasatch Motel, Rogers Motor, Inc., Rothe Lumber Company, Safeway Stores, Seiter's Bakery, Silver Hill Inn, Spencer Auto Sales, Stanley Title Company, State Farm Mutual Insurance Co., Stevens Home Furnishings, Thompson's Upholstery Shop, Timp View Super Service, Town Service and Motel, Turner Building Supply, Unigas and Appliances, Inc., Uintah Planing Mill, Valley Drug, Van's Market, Vilate's Shop, Wally's and Jay's 76 Service, Wasatch Cleaners, Wasatch Finance Company, Wasatch Market, Wasatch Service Station, Wave Publishing Company and the Y Tavern.